## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker House of Representatives H-232, U.S. Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable John Boehner Republican Leader House of Representatives H-204, U.S. Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Republican Leader Boehner:

As members of the Congressional Steel Caucus, we are dedicated to ensuring that domestic steel manufacturers and American workers are protected during this economic downturn. We write to ask that as Congress considers a second economic stimulus package, you include provisions to ensure the exclusive utilization of American steel for infrastructure projects.

The current economic downturn has caused an unprecedented drop in production at American steel facilities, and newspaper headlines across the country are reminding us every day of increasing steelworker layoffs. We applaud your efforts with economic stimulus legislation that includes an investment in our infrastructure, and we ask that this investment ensures that American steel facilities and its steelworkers are utilized.

Specifically, we believe that economic stimulus legislation should include a domestic content provision to ensure that infrastructure projects use only iron, steel, and manufactured goods produced in the United States. We also would support provisions to waive this requirement in limited circumstances, as long as this waiver includes a sufficient justification for its need and is provided to the public with a reasonable period of notice and comment.

We thank you for your consideration and on behalf of American steel companies and their workers, hope that with your leadership and support we can help the steel industry get back to work.

Sincerely,

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